

Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF BURWOOD.
NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the RATEPAYERS of the Borough will be held at the Council-chambers, Burwood, at 12 o'clock noon on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, for the purpose of nominating Edward Sanders, William Kren, John C. Wellerup and two Auditors in the place of Messrs. John C. Wellerup and Henry J. Buckle, who retire by rotation, before right to be nominated.

NOTICE is hereby given that the nomination must be in writing, and delivered to the Secretary, Railway-veteran Burwood, at least seven days before the meeting.

WILLIAM ARCHER,
Mayor and Returning Officer.

Council-chambers, Burwood, January 17, 1882.

BOROUGH OF KEDDLEHILL.
NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the ELECTORS of the Borough will be held at the Council-chambers, Pitt-street, Ryde, on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of Nominating THREE Aldermen (one for each Ward), and TWO Auditors, in lieu of those retiring, and two others in place of those retiring.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an open Court for the revising of the Municipal Lists of the above Borough will be held at the Council-chambers on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at 7 p.m., when all parties interested are required to be in attendance.

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

ELECTION FOR EAST MACQUARIE.
[By TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BATHURST, THURSDAY.

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JANUARY 19, 1882.

TO RESIDENTS IN SUBURBS.—IN PITTS-ST. THE BEST STREET FOR EVERYTHING! IT IS.

Medical, Chemicals, &c.

AH! WHY WILL YOU BE SO STUPID!—ST. JACOB'S OIL has cured millions of people suffering from all kinds of skin diseases, rheumatism, rheumatism, blisters, blisters, and all kinds of swellings. It is now, then, a preparation which has been used and tested for years, and is now a well-known fact that it has a magical and permanent effect wherever used. Try it, and you will for ever be well. ST. JACOB'S Price, 2s 6d. Don't let any other oil or ointment affect you, because it is the oil which is the oil of the oil, and it is the oil which is the oil of the oil. ST. JACOB'S is the oil which is the oil of the oil.

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F. C. LUCAS, Mayor and
Returning Officer.

Council-chambers, 20th January, 1882.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.
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ROBERT BUTCHER,
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J. CAMPFIELD SHARP,
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Council-chambers, Ashfield, 19th January, 1882.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Electors of this Borough will be invited to nominate and elect a Councillor to represent them at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, to be held on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Council-chambers, Pitt-street, Ryde.

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G. WILIGHT, Pittmead, Double Bay.

BOROUGH OF NORTH WILLOUGHBY.
NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN FYLE is a candidate for re-election, and respectfully solicits your vote.

PADDINGTON, UPPER WARD.—Electors favouring the return of J. G. M'FELYNEY attend to the meeting, to be convened at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at the Hotel Victoria, Pittmead, and Elizabeth streets, at 8 p.m., THIS EVENING.

Borough Council Notices.

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LICENSING ACT OF 1882.

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ship arising from prison labour, while great benefits result from encouraging industrial life in prison.

The precaution which has been taken by the Melbourne and Adelaide City Councils, in having special reports prepared as to the means of egress from the theatres in those cities in case of panic, might well be adopted upon here. A similar step was recently taken in Berlin at the instance of the Emperor of Germany, and in several American cities the escape provisions in connection with the theatres have engaged official and public attention. In Sydney we have very little reason to fold our hands and rest contented. Any one who has visited some of our places of amusement, particularly during the pantomime season, and seen them densely crowded in every portion with hundreds of persons blocking up the gangways and actually struggling for bare standing-room, could not contemplate, without a shudder, the terrible consequences that would ensue upon a panic. The Melbourne Health Board complain that "it has become the practice, on nights when the houses are crowded, to block up the passages and gangways with extra chairs." Nowhere is this practice more systematically carried out than in Sydney, although it is fraught with very great danger, and would neutralise almost the whole advantage of wide passages. If our civic leaders were to have an inspection made of the principal places of amusement, it would probably be found that not only are there an insufficient number of escape doors, but that most of them would be useless in time of need. The principal halls in colonial cities discharge their audience by one, or in some cases two, doors, where the occupants of every portion of the building meet, and have to engage in a struggle to get out, even when there is no cause for alarm. What the result would be in a panic, those who have experienced the difficulty of getting out of any of these halls, even on ordinary occasions, when there have been large attendances, can readily imagine. In nearly the whole of the colonial theatres the only ready means of exit is from the dress circle; the pit, stalls, and upper circle, on which the audience is large, being inadequately provided with means for the escape of even a fourth of their occupants. It is quite possible, as one of the theatrical managers has suggested, that if a panic occurred among a large body of people in a ten-acre paddock there would be loss of life, but it is very certain that if the panic occurred in one of those over-crowded and improperly constructed theatres, which are too common in our cities, the consequences would be far more terrible. Those consequences we have hitherto been very fortunate in escaping, but with experience elsewhere to warn us we cannot afford to shut our eyes to a danger because its presence has not yet been proved by some appalling catastrophe.

Mr. BENT, the Victorian Minister for Railways, appears to have brought a hornet's nest about his ears by the peculiar retrenchment policy he is pursuing, but while much of that retrenchment has been of an undignified and chесe-parring character, we are not prepared to assert that Mr. Bent is altogether wrong. In the first place it requires a considerable amount of determination and confidence on the part of a Minister to brave the opprobrium that he is certain to incur by himself by interfering with the free-travelling privileges of certain classes who have grown to regard the concessions made to them as inalienable rights. Mr. Bent, when he took charge of the Railway Department, became aware (as his predecessor, Mr. Patterson, was) that there were very grave abuses in connection with the free-pass system, and that the State was annually deprived of a considerable amount of railway revenue by the indiscriminate issue of these passes. During the first three months of the currency of the Melbourne Exhibition these privileges were abused to an extent not dreamt of by the outside public, and then Mr. Patterson suddenly became as parsimonious as he had previously been lavish in the issue of railway passes. Mr. Bent, upon succeeding him, gradually initiated a system under which free passes are to be cut down to the smallest possible number, and it seems to be with him a question whether he should "not abolish them altogether," with the exception of Ministers and members of Parliament, who can claim a right to travel on the railways without paying. Public officials, or persons engaged upon public business, could have their expenses refunded by the Department in whose service they are employed. In the case of distinguished visitors, to whom it might be desirable in the interests of the colony (and upon that ground alone) to offer special facilities for railway travelling, the Minister in charge of the Department might, at his discretion, and at the cost of his Department, issue free passes, a return of which could be included in his annual report. Under such a system as that, the abuse of the system would be reduced to the minimum. If, however, that rule is once relaxed it is difficult to draw the line. Passengers assembling for practice or reviews are also entitled to be provided for. They are unremunerated but valuable servants of the State, and for their efficient training every facility should be afforded.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The trial of Guiteau for the murder of President Garfield still drags on. It has already extended over a period of nearly three months. Mr. Scoville, barrister, Guiteau's brother-in-law, argues in defence of prisoners that the persons morally responsible for the crime are General Grant, President Arthur, and Mr. Conkling. The Irish Land Commission is having brought before it the decisions of the sub-commissions, and in most cases is confirming those decisions. According to the Times, negotiations for the adoption of an Anglo-French commercial treaty have been renewed, with fair prospects of success. The Boers are in revolt owing to the attempt of Austria to enforce the new regulations which extend the Austrian military régime to the provinces which she acquired under the Berlin Treaty. The fall of the Egyptian Ministry is expected; and if it takes place, it is thought that Great Britain and France will make strenuous efforts to get more complete control over the internal and external affairs of Egypt than they have at present.

The P. & O. Company's steamship Mirzapore arrived at King George's Sound at an early hour yesterday morning. She brings the English mails, via Suez, to December 16. She has two cases of smallpox on board. This may occasion some delay to the steamer, otherwise the Sydney portion of her mails might have been expected here next Thursday morning.

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STATEMENTS have been issued from the Government Printing Office giving the attendance of members in each branch of the Legislature at divisions and committee meetings during the session of 1881. It appears that among the members of the Assembly, Mr. Hopkins, late Minister for Lands, was present at more divisions in the Public Instruction, at most divisions in committee, and at those against whom names the lowest number of attendances when divisions have taken place in the

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We are informed that the Minister for Mines has invited the officers of his Department and others throughout the colony to forward information upon the working of the Mining Act and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, together with any suggestions they may think fit to offer in regard to the framing of a new Mining Bill; and it is anticipated that a large amount of useful information on the subject will in this way be obtained. It is very desirable that all persons possessing information and capable of making suggestions should do so, in order that a measure may be prepared which will aid in the development of the vast mineral resources of the colony.

The following officers of the Wolverene have been booked to leave by the Orient liner Lusitania to-day for Plymouth:—In addition to Admiral Wilson, Mr. Wilson, and Miss Wilson, there are Messrs. Marrick (Commander), Fredk. Finn, W. Corlett, Alfred F. McArthur, H. H. Torlesse, F. A. Wyld, Rev. J. H. Berry, Chas. H. Slaughter, R. G. Oldknow, R. A. Simpson, A. H. L. Giles, Geo. Hunter, Jno. Coughlan, Wm. Rickard, H. W. Thirlers, H. B. Baker, C. H. Chapman, F. S. Rogers, E. R. Benson, E. W. Keay, W. B. Brigstocke, B.ou Cooke, Thos. Rice, F. F. Ellis, and A. G. Maragh. In addition to these officers, we find that there will be quite a crowd of petty officers and seamen, about 102 in number, who are also booked to leave by the Lusitania.

H. M. S. EMERALD left yesterday morning much earlier than was anticipated, having cleared at 6 o'clock.

It is rumoured that Lieutenant W. J. Symons, who filled the position of navigating Lieutenant on board the Wolverene when the vessel was under the command of Rear-Admiral Wilson, is to be placed in command of the ship until the Government have made other arrangements.

MESSRS. GILCHRIST, WATT, & CO., agents for the Pacific Mail Company, received information by the last mail from San Francisco to the effect that the Southern Pacific Railroad is completed and open for traffic. Passengers may during the winter months travel by this road with comfort, and thus avoid the cold blizzards felt in crossing the mountain ranges, and by passing through the southern States of the Union, arrive at New York after a journey through a pleasant country.

PARNELL the smartest piece of work yet performed by any of the Orient steamships can be claimed by the Lusitania, which sails to-day for London. She arrived in port on Saturday morning, and has not only discharged nearly 1100 tons of cargo, but has taken in cargo for London representing some 1750 tons of wool, 380 tons tin, 65 tons copper, 400 cases preserved meat, 400 cases parcell, 60 bags leather, &c. In addition to this she has taken in 14500 tons of coal, and yesterday morning had the appearance of being thoroughly clean in every part, and ready for sea at any moment. Her fixed day of departure is 12 o'clock to-day.

THE ship Smyrna cleared yesterday for London. She takes 6000 bales of wool, which, in proportion to her size, is the largest wool cargo this season. She also takes a quantity of slate and tail.

No fresh case of smallpox has been reported. The daily minute of the Board of Health in regard to the Little Bay Hospital and Sanatorium is as follows:—The following patients were visited by the Government medical staff on the 18th instant, and are reported as progressing favourably:—Elizabeth Kenna, Glebe-street, Glebe; Henry Horsey, 145, Liverpool-street; and Albert Sinclair, 58, Duke-street, Woolloomooloo. Mrs. Palmer, of 8, Prince of Wales-terrace, Pyrmont died this afternoon. Arrangements have been made for her funeral to take place early to-morrow morning. She is to be buried at the Balmain cemetery. The medical superintendent of the Coast Hospital and Sanatorium at Little Bay, reports that Mr. Thiele passed a tolerably good night, and is progressing satisfactorily; his two children are improving. Mr. Yates is progressing very favourably. All other patients are up and about, and are gathering strength daily. All inmates of the Sanatorium are in good health, and everything proceeds most satisfactorily.

Mrs. FORBES, 25 years of age, one of the Garonne passengers, who was confined just as the ship entered the port, and who developed the disease the next day after the birth, died on Tuesday night last in the hospital enclosure at the quarantine station at the North Head. The child, who has been vaccinated, but is only a week old, has developed the disease. In all probability the child, which is very ill, will not survive. Mrs. Forbush's father and husband are amongst the Garonne passengers. The Government are considering the best means to be adopted for the discharge of the cargo of the Garonne, which in all probability will be commenced in a day or two.

THERE is one sentence in the report of the Ladies' Evangelistic Association, which will be found in another column, deserving attention. It is generally known that the members of the association—in addition to visiting the sick, the friendless, and the helpless of our charitable institutions, and cheering them by kindly words and advice—distribute amongst the inmates of those institutions flowers collected for the purpose. The effect which the distribution of floral gifts has upon the afflicted must be peculiarly gratifying. But it seems that for a long time past the unfortunate inmates (aged women) of the Hyde Park Benevolent Asylum have not been permitted to enjoy the expressions of sympathy which lady visitors could impart. The report says:—"Some of the ladies who have for years devoted themselves to the visitation of the old women at Hyde Park, and who came with their flowers, in some instances six or seven miles, were, as usual, dismissed at the gates of the old women's asylum, and who belonged to a different family. We learn from the relatives of Dr. James Foullis, formerly of Sydney, that it is Dr. David Foullis, of Glasgow, who recently died under the painful circumstances detailed in our paragraph."

IN reference to a paragraph published in yesterday's issue, respecting the death of Dr. Foullis, it would appear that an error has arisen through similarity of names. We are informed that there were two medical men of the name of Foullis in the United Kingdom, one the son of Dr. Foullis, formerly of the Glebe, Sydney, and the other resident in Glasgow, and the inventor of a brilliant operation for the removal of the larynx and who belonged to a different family. We learn from the relatives of Dr. James Foullis, formerly of Sydney, that it is Dr. David Foullis, of Glasgow, who recently died under the painful circumstances detailed in our paragraph.

CAN nothing be done, asks a correspondent to lessen the growing nuisance arising from the numberless ownerless and uncared-for carts that infest the city streets? These we are told, is their nature. And so long as they put their natural propensities into practice on each other, and within the four walls of their masters' premises, no particular objection can be raised against them. But it is very different when they frighten with their bark, or injure with their bite, peaceable citizens whose business takes them out of doors. For the past few months the streets of Sydney, it may truthfully be said, have literally swarmed with uncared-for carts, many of them suffering from leprosy, disease, and the sooner they are "collared" by the police and put out of their misery, the safer will it be for citizens to venture out of doors. There can be no possible objection to people keeping dogs, nor, is fact, to keeping goats, but the objection to these brutes at present arises from the fact that whilst many have not owners, others who have are not kept by them, but are allowed to roam the public thoroughfares, to the annoyance of every one who has to go into the streets. Very often huge morgue-like carts on the footpath in front of their masters' premises, as completely obstructing the thoroughfares as though a barricade were erected. Oaths snap and snarl at every passer-by. The nuisance, in fact, is becoming unbearable, and the police will confer a public benefit if they exercise the powers which the law gives them, and it is by no means a stringent law. The Colonial Treasurer might see in this canine nuisance a way to the augmentation of the public revenue, by copying the legislation of Great Britain, in which country the right to keep dogs has to be paid for.

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ARRIVAL OF THE LIGURIA (S.) AT ADELAIDE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.

The Orient line Liguria (s.), Captain Conlon, arrived to-day from London via Plymouth. The following is her list of passengers:-

First saloon:—Messrs. J. Ainscough, J. Alexander, Edward Archdale, Herbert Baxter, G. P. Elwes, E. D. Farn and servant, E. M. Forbes, C. Freshough, C. Gurney, George C. Henderson, F. Laycock, M. C. Dairmid, H. M. Metcalfe, Francis W. Reynolds, W. Sims, P. E. Sharman, A. L. Thomason, R. H. Verral, John Wood, Medames J. Alexander, C. Harrison, M. C. Dairmid, W. A. Smith, Miss Danbony, Miss Fuller, Rev. A. Evans, Dr. M. Perry, Rev. W. M. Spencer, Miss Fellowes, Rev. A. Nelson, and 61 in the second saloon.

LATER CAPE NEWS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.

On Thursday last, Sir Evelyn Wood embarked on board the Union Company's R. M. S. African at Durban for Delago Bay, whence he proceeds to Zanzibar. After visiting Egypt he will return to Europe.

The chief John Dunn, during his recent visit to Durban, stated that peace and prosperity prevailed in his territory, and that the people were contented with the laws laid down by him. He strongly opposes the return of Cetewayo, stating that it would retard the progress of the country. He would not, however, object to the Imperial Government annexing the whole country and leaving Cetewayo to rule the northern portion.

Sir David Wedderburn is about to visit John Dunn's territory.

A public meeting was held at Durban on Friday, to discuss the question of Cetewayo's return. More than 800 persons, including many influential citizens, were present, and it was almost unanimously carried that the return of Cetewayo would be most disastrous to the natives of Natal and South-east Africa.

The Basuto question remains unsettled. Mr. Upington has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill in the forthcoming session to repeal the annexation of that country.

His Excellency the Governor presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the students of the South African College. In the course of his speech, which was highly applauded, he commented on the want of accommodation and sanctuary arrangements, and urged the Town Council to make an alteration in these respects.

The returns of the Treasurer show an increase of revenue from all sources, more especially the Customs receipts and the railway traffic.

The Cape Town Harbour Board have issued fresh regulations to enforce the use of proper staging between vessels and the dock, there having been several fatal accidents in the dock.

Messrs. A. and R. M. Kenzie have surrendered to their creditors; liabilities, as per schedule, £245,670 4d. assets, 432,232 14s. 1d., showing a deficit of over £30,000; but as one item in the list of assets is £285,000 in diamond mining shares and scrip, the deficit cannot fail to be much greater when these are realized.

Cetewayo paid a visit to the printing works of Messrs. San Solomos and Co. last week, and expressed himself highly pleased with his visit.

The Town Council of Cape Town is about to appoint a medical sanitary office, with full powers to act for the benefit of the health of the city.

Business at Kimberley is very dull, and it is expected that there will be nothing doing till the beginning of the year. Business in Cape Town has been suspended during the last two days, and Monday and Tuesday next will also be closed days for most of the large firms.

The meeting of the Boers at Paarde Kraal has passed off quietly, and most of the families who assembled have now returned to their houses. The proceedings were of a religious and festive character, and politics were carefully eschewed.

The body of Captain Cecil Darby, who was missing some time back, and of whom no tidings could be heard, though strenuous endeavours were made, has been found near Kaiserswerth. Captain Darby was the first colonist who won the Victoria Cross.

Coal from the Stornberg Company's mine, at Paarde Kraal, has been tested at East London, with very favourable results.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[By TELEGRAPH.]

CROSS OVER OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NEWCASTLE, THURSDAY.

Mr. Thomas Giddie, an old resident of Coorabing, was about to tie up his horse to-day at Hawdon, having the reins twisted round the middle finger of his left hand, when the animal suddenly wrenched backwards and tore the finger clean out of the socket. The hand was immediately bandaged, and the boy, who was then 12 years of age, was sent to the hospital, where he remained for a week, and then returned home. The boy is now 16 years of age, and is in full possession of his health.

The monthly shooting of the Newcastle School of Art, was opened this evening, and will be continued until Saturday. The attendance of the public so far was not by any means satisfactory, and the exhibits have fallen short of the committee's desire in endeavouring to induce artisans and mechanics to furnish examples of their handiwork. A sale of the gates for the Newcastle races was held to-day, and realized £150. The booths, &c., also brought large prices.

GRAFTON, THURSDAY.

Mr. Sub-inspector Creagh, for many years stationed in charge of the police of this district, has been promoted to the office of inspector in another district. All classes, while pleased with his advancement, will regret Mr. Creagh's removal, he having won the respect of every good citizen.

GOULGONG, THURSDAY.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed a large number of electors of the Upper Hunter at Tallewong yesterday. The address lasted over two hours and was loudly cheered throughout. Mr. McLaughlin gave an account of his Parliamentary career. A unanimous vote of confidence was passed. He afterwards proceeded to Denison Town and Urbarby.

MOSA VALE, THURSDAY.

His Excellency Lord Augustus Loftus the Hon. Sir Luckey, Messrs. J. Barnett, W. Moore, and Wm. Wadley, arrived by special train to inspect Hill View, Sutton Forest. A residence will be erected on the present site by September next, at an estimated cost of £14,000, and the grounds planted with ornamental trees and shrubs. Arrangements are pending for raising a temporary residence close by. The party returned to Sydney in the evening.

BLAYNEY, THURSDAY.

A case of sunstroke occurred to-day to a boy between nine and ten years of age. The want of a doctor here is greatly felt, none being nearer than Carcoar. The weather is very dry, with hot days and cool nights. Harvesting is nearly completed.

COMMERCIAL.

WOOL SALES.—THURSDAY.

By Messrs. B. & C. Smith, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1364, 1366, 1368, 1370, 1372, 1374, 1376, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1384, 1386, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1396, 1398, 1400, 1402, 1404, 1406, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1432, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1444, 1446, 1448, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1472, 1474, 1476, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1486, 1488, 1490, 1492, 1494, 1496, 1498, 1500, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, 1514, 1516, 1518, 1520, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, 1536, 1538, 1540, 1542, 1544, 1546, 1548, 1550, 1552, 1554, 1556, 1558, 1560, 1562, 1564, 1566, 1568, 1570, 1572, 1574, 1576, 1578, 1580, 1582, 1584, 1586, 1588, 1590, 1592, 1594, 1596, 1598, 1600, 1602, 1604, 1606, 1608, 1610, 1612, 1614, 1616, 1618, 1620, 1622, 1624, 1626, 1628, 1630, 1632, 1634, 1636, 1638, 1640, 1642, 1644, 1646, 1648, 1650, 1652, 1654, 1656, 1658, 1660, 1662, 1664, 1666, 1668, 1670, 1672, 1674, 1676, 1678, 1680, 1682, 1684, 1686, 1688, 1690, 1692, 1694, 1696, 1698, 1700, 1702, 1704, 1706, 1708, 1710, 1712, 1714, 1716, 1718, 1720, 1722, 1724, 1726, 1728, 1730, 1732, 1734, 1736, 1738, 1740, 1742, 1744, 1746, 1748, 1750, 1752, 1754, 1756, 1758, 1760, 1762, 1764, 1766, 1768, 1770, 1772, 1774, 1776, 1778, 1780, 1782, 1784, 1786, 1788, 1790, 1792, 1794, 1796, 1798, 1800, 1802, 1804, 1806, 1808, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1816, 1818, 1820, 1822, 1824, 1826, 1828, 1830, 1832, 1834, 1836, 1838, 1840, 1842, 1844, 18

OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

MELBOURNE, JAN. 15.

We are concerned for the most part with the small-pox brought by the Gaonne. It is being nominally kept at the quarantine ground; but, as the lines of the patient is being brought up to Melbourne to be washed, we may look to have the epidemic in the city presently. Also, it is said that every facility is afforded to the Gaonne passengers to escape from their confinement. Nobody expects the small-pox to be confined to its present abiding place, montane vaccination is extremely lively, despite the news that Sir James Page has died from vaccination. But this news no medical man that I know of. The death of so eminent a person as Sir James Page would have been thought of importance enough to be made known by telegram, and not paragraphed in an ordinary letter of common news. However, it comes by way of America. Also, we are still exercised upon the other medical subject of the Melbourne Hospital, and the prevalence of small-pox within its walls. The report of Dr. Miller, the medical superintendent of the hospital, is a poor piece of writing, and in reality does not touch Dr. Youl's charge of the institution being satisfied with the poison. But from all I hear there is practically no prevention used against the spread of the infection. Cases of small-pox are dressed by residents who go straightway to other surgical cases, and as a matter of course convey the poison to them. Listerism is much commended by the staff, but not practised. The wonder therefore is that small-pox is so prevalent. And while inquiring on medical subjects it may be mentioned that the annual meeting of the Medical Society of Victoria took place on Wednesday evening last, and the president, Dr. James Robertson, read his valedictory address. It was a dull meeting, and the address was dull. There was a time when the annual gatherings of this body were occasions of particular interest, but the unimportance which took place about two years ago a good deal dashed the spirits of the members, and the new blood which it was hoped would be introduced into the management has not remained with entire advantage to its well-being. As a matter of fact, if not anemic, its muscular system at this moment is not remarkable for healthy activity, and it is to be hoped that some vitalizing process will be necessary to quicken it into a better life.

And this question of the healing art suggests the continued need we have of some amending in our moral condition, which, like Macbeth in the banquet scene, "gives woe and woe," so that there has been a meeting of magistrates to consider what is to be done with that section of society of which we all live in deadly fear. They formally recommended the "cat," but in the discussion which took place it did not appear that the "cat" was necessarily for barbarism, was in universal favour with the Bench. But if it really puts one out of all common patience to hear men speak about the dangers of "brutalizing" the subjects of punishment by whipping. For not to repeat the old rejoinder to this very weak argument, namely, that those who require the "cat" are already brutalized, it may be asked how it happened that whipping in schools, when whipping was universal, did not brutalize its recipients? Some of the wisest and noblest of mankind were whipped—often cruelly—at school, and yet they grew up to be brave generals, illustrious statesmen, brilliant orators, immortal poets, wise judges, benevolent philanthropists. Every body knows what Samuel Johnson said when Boswell asked him how, being originally a dull boy, he succeeded so well at school. "Sir, my master whipped me well." And, in truth, there is not enough whipping less nowadays either at home or at school. Too much has been written about the preferable of appealing to a boy's higher nature. Sidney Smith said he never chanced to meet three boys but one of them was a scoundrel. Two of them had conpired to oppress the third. A boy, in nine cases out of ten, is unresponsible, selfish, and cruel, and nothing but repression can control his evil propensities. If it should be argued that this is taking a narrow view of boy nature, I have but to say that I take this view after having had a large experience of boys.

And, talking of magistrates, some of them did an "unjust" and by no means uncharitable thing at St. Kilda the other day. They discharged a man after he had plauded guilty of the offence. They deserved there was no case against him. He thought there was a case, and one would think he ought to have known; but they knew better. Altogether, it is encouraging to criminals, for if it can be established as a precedent, it will only be necessary for an offender to throw himself upon the mercy of the Court, and the next moment he may walk out of it.

Charles R. Clarke was summoned with stinging from the person of William Carroll of Ultimo, who had been charged with having in his possession notes, gold, and cheques to the value of £62, and came to Sydney in a waggonette; at Hay-street the prisoner got in; the boy said that he had been sent to him by his master, and that he was worth about £50; and he proceeded further; she felt in his pocket and missed the sum of £20 in bank-notes—£15 in £1 notes and one £5; prisoner was next to her, and he only could have taken her money. On cross-examination by Mr. Carroll the witness said that she had given him £10, and that the boy appeared, however, by the evidence of Detective Riley, who was the first to apprehend the prisoner, that when prosecutrix saw prisoner she said that the man she saw in the waggonette was taller and stouter, and wore a longer beard than prisoner. She was asked whether the boy was in his master's service, and he said that he was in the waggonette and sat next to Mr. Carroll. Committed for trial at Quarter Sessions, and allowed bail.

In the Supreme Court John Dixon was fined £20, for obstructing the passage of George-street Market by putting a stone in the road. In Dowson v. Arques and Sharpe v. Williams, proceeding under the Tenants' Act, a seven days' warrant of possession was granted in each.

LAW REPORT.

INSOLVENCY COURT.—THURSDAY, JANUARY 19.

SUCCESSION.

Peter Whitehead, of Hobsworth, late of Paddington, Stephen, 1811 Ge. 31; assets, £25 17s. 5d. Mr. E. M. Stephen, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—FRIDAY, JANUARY 20.

Chamber List.—Society of Livery.

POLICE.

CENTRAL POLICE COURT.

The Bench was composed yesterday of Mr. Dillon and Mr. Crane, S.M.s., and Messrs. Penfold, Vizard, and G. Smith, of the Criminal side. On the side of the prosecution, Messrs. Smithers, Beaumont, and Bayliss were the sitting magistrates.

Charles Lawrence was charged with being an idle and disorderly person, having no lawful means of support. Constable Dunlop deposed that between 8 and 9 o'clock on the morning of the 17th instant he took the constable in King-street, took him into custody, and charged him as an idle and disorderly person; had known him to be a considerable time as a companion (when out of goal) of persons of bad character and never knew him to be of good character. By witness, Mr. W. was a man of short living.

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